

QUEENS MEMORY

NEWS FROM QUEENS MEMORY PROJECT

Save the Date: Home Movie Day 2024!

Do you have a canister of 8mm film or a VHS tape in your closet that you've always wanted to watch, but don't have the equipment? Do you have family home movies you're trying to keep safe for future generations? Join us on **Home Movie Day 2024** to screen your movie and get preservation advice from experts! Home Movie Day 2024 will take place at [Queens Public Library at Ridgewood](#) (20-12 Madison St., Ridgewood, NY 11385) on Saturday, October 19. If you would like to meet individually with one of the preservation experts, please register [here](#).



We are also looking for volunteers to help at Home Movie Day 2024 as well as our **Remember Ida** event on September 28 on Governors Island. Drop us an email at queensmemory@queenslibrary.org if you'd like to help!

Preservation Internship Available With MAS

Are you a student currently enrolled in a master's program focusing on historic preservation? Check out this internship opportunity with the [Municipal Art Society](#) (MAS) of NY! This one-year, grant-funded position is ideal for a graduate student interested in exploring how the field of preservation can be transformed to center equity and inclusion, support diverse layers of history and culture in our city, and be part of the solution for confronting our climate crisis and housing crisis. The intern will work with the MAS Planning and Policy team to advance the organization's mission, particularly the preservation advocacy agenda, and support the Enduring Culture Initiative.

The Preservation Intern will support staff on long- and short-term projects and day-to-day work, such as researching, drafting and presenting advocacy positions and testimony; contributing to studies, reports and mapping projects; and developing educational resources and tools. The position runs from Fall 2024 through Summer 2025, and the application deadline is **August 1**. See fuller description and instructions for applying [here](#). MAS is very much looking forward to having the intern join its team in the fall!

Thankful for Good Neighbors

On June 25, theatre group [What Will the Neighbors Say?](#), a long-standing collaborator with Queens Memory, held its annual benefit event, "Queering the Archives," at [Culture Lab LIC](#). The evening featured a reading of a play created with students of CUNY Queens College in Fall 2023, when the Neighbors paired with the Gender, Love and Sexuality Alliance (GLASA). Alongside students, faculty and archivists, the Neighbors turned the Alliance's archive of journals into a verbatim documentary theater piece originally presented on campus in November. The night continued with a wine reception along with music and dancing. A great time was had by all, and the proceeds resulted in generous donations to both Queens Memory and the Queens College Special Collections and Archives. Thank you, Neighbors!



(l. to r.) Danica Stompor, Caitlin Colban-Waldron and Annie Tummino, of Queens College Special Collections
Photo (c) WWTNS?



(l. to r.) Neighbors members Keith Weiss, Emmy Brett, Ashton Muñoz, Isabel Criado, Cynthia Hu and Skye Pallo Ross
Photo (c) WWTNS?

Meet Our Summer Intern!



Kioni Green

This summer, Queens Memory has been happy to welcome intern **Kioni Green** to our team. Kioni is a second-year student at Wellesley College and a prospective major in Cinema and Media Studies. She is interested in the storytelling of people and their cultures that make sites alive; image retrieval and media licensing; and the phenomenon of the big city bubble: the networks formed from people pursuing their passions. Kioni has been helping to write entries for our [Name Explorer](#) project, and she hopes one day to stroll among the sites that she has focused on in her research.

July Oral History Spotlights Queens Olympic Medalist



[Queens College](#) alumna **Gail Marquis** is a history-making figure in the world of women's sports. As a student at Queens, she played for the school's nationally ranked women's basketball team, which in 1975 became the first women's team to play basketball in [Madison Square Garden](#).

During her senior year, Marquis tried out and qualified for the USA National Team and represented the country at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal – the first Olympic Games in which women's basketball was played.

After playing professionally for several years in France and the U.S., Marquis embarked on a 30-plus-year career on Wall Street, again forging a path in a field where women, especially women of color, faced many obstacles. More recently, Marquis has worked in higher education and is known for her advocacy of women's causes. She currently serves on the board of the Queens College Foundation.

In this interview, Marquis shares her recollections of growing up in St. Albans, where she played a variety of neighborhood sports before being introduced to organized basketball in high school. She recalls the inequalities between the boys' and girls' teams, and how Title IX slowly began to improve those conditions. Marquis explains her decision to attend Queens College and her experiences playing for renowned coach **Lucille Kyvallos**, who has also been interviewed for Queens Memory.

Many thanks to Fran Kipnis for conducting this interview. [Listen to Gail's full interview here](#).

Upcoming Events

August 5 – Travel back in time to your student years at Queens College and connect with your fellow alumni! At [Monday Memories](#), Queens Memory outreach coordinator (and QC alum) **Lori DiBella Wallach** will offer a short presentation of Queens College history. Then it's your turn to share stories of the clubs, social events, campus hangout spots – and friendships made – that still resonate from your QC days! This event is hosted in collaboration with the Queens College Office of Alumni Relations; register for the Zoom session [here](#). If you would like to share your memorabilia and photos, please scan them and email the scans to the Office of Alumni Relations at alumnievents@qc.cuny.edu. (4 - 5 pm EST)

September 19 – Join us online for [Learn More About the Queens Memory Project](#), an opportunity to hear about the work we do with volunteers and community partners across the borough. The Queens Memory team will provide an overview of our programs and cover the many ways you can help as a volunteer and contribute to the Queens Public Library's archival collections. Hear about opportunities to record interviews with Queens residents, contribute photos and other materials, assist with transcription and audio editing, and help with our outreach and programming. Register [here](#). We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. **This program is not recorded.** (12 - 1 pm EST)

September 26 – At our [oral history interviewing workshop](#), you will learn how you can contribute to Queens Memory and help us record interviews with fellow Queens residents. Together we will review tips for oral history interviews, from initial outreach to recording to transcription. Register [here](#). We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. **This program is not recorded.** (12 - 1 pm EST)